

Delaware State Police Investigating Fatal Crash – New Castle

New Castle– Delaware State Police are investigating a fatal motor vehicle collision that occurred Sunday afternoon on North DuPont Highway (Route 13) at the intersection with East Franklin Avenue.

On Sunday, January 2, 2021, at approximately 3:03 p.m., a 2010 Chevrolet Malibu was traveling northbound on Route 13 approaching the intersection with East Franklin Avenue. The Malibu entered the right shoulder with the intent to make a right turn onto eastbound East Franklin Avenue. At this time, a 2004 Toyota Corolla was within the left turn lane of southbound Route 13 and proceeded to make a left turn across all northbound lanes of travel, attempting to turn onto eastbound East Franklin Avenue. The Corolla entered directly into the path of Malibu, and subsequently the front of the Malibu struck the passenger side of Corolla. The force of the impact forced both vehicles in a northeasterly direction where they eventually came to final rest.

The 28-year-old female operator of the Malibu was transported by ambulance to Christiana Hospital where she was treated and released.

The 47-year-old operator of the Corolla was not wearing a seatbelt and was transported by ambulance to the Christiana Hospital where he was admitted for serious but non-life-threatening injuries.

The 40-year-old male rear left rear seat passenger of the Corolla was not wearing a seatbelt and was airlifted by Delaware State Police Aviation to Christiana Hospital for serious, life-threatening injuries. The victim succumbed to

his injuries several hours later and was pronounced deceased at the hospital. Identification of the victim is pending notification to next of kin.

There were two additional passengers in the Corolla who were transported to Christiana hospital for non-life-threatening injuries.

The investigation remains on-going. Anyone with information regarding this collision should contact Master Corporal Breen with the Delaware State Police Troop 2 Collision Reconstruction Unit by calling 302-365-8486. Information may also be provided by calling Delaware Crime Stoppers at 1-800-TIP-3333 or via the internet at <http://www.delaware.crimestoppers.com>.

If you or someone you know is a victim or witness of crime or have lost a loved one to a sudden death and are in need of assistance, the Delaware State Police Victim Services Unit/Delaware Victim Center is available to offer you support and resources 24 hours a day through a toll free hotline 1800 VICTIM-1. (1-800-842-8461). You may also email the unit Director at debra.reed@state.de.us.

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